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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19,23-30,32,33 and 35-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20,22,31 and 34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/425,007.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

JEROME GRANT II
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Detailed Action

1.

Claims 1-18 have been cancelled.

2.

Rejection Under Sect. 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. It is not clear from the written specification how the image capturing device has a network interface. Correction is required.

3.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 19, 21, 23-30, 32, 33 and , 35-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kobori.

With respect to claim 19, Kobori teaches an image handing apparatus, comprising: a plurality of input interfaces (analog processor 2 and 3) for inputting image data; first selector switch 26 for selecting one of the interfaces 2 or 3; storage device (buffer 30) having plural images stored; second selector (computer 7) for selecting a second image; a combining circuit 9 for combining first and second images; a third selector circuit (153 and 154) for selecting one of a plurality of receiving devices to receive third data; wherein at least one of the plural receiving devices is an image output device (monitor 15 and printer 17).

With respect to claims 21 and 30, Kobori teaches combining circuit 9 for combining images from first and second cameras with computer generated images from computer 7. See col. 3, lines 35-40.

With respect to claims 23 and 32, see col. 3, lines 20-27 where text messages are generated from characters.

With respect to claims 24 and 33, the plurality of background images are for example, the image of boy Taro stored in memory 10 according to col. 8, lines 62-69.

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With respect to claims 25 and 35, see the interfaces 2 and 3 which correspond with cameras 1 and 27 as the image capturing devices.

With respect to claims 26 and 36, see cameras 1 and 27 as the image capturing devices.

With respect to claims 27 and 37, as best as can be determined, the camera is a network of components which is connected to an interface network (analog processors 2 or 3). Inherently, the camera will interface with the analog processors.

With respect to claims 28 and 38, the digitally encoded image data is generated from the image capture device.

With respect to claim 29, Kobori teaches an image handling method, comprising: a first selecting one of a plurality of input interfaces (analog processor 2 or 3) for receiving first data; source switch 26 for selecting a second image from computer 7; combining the first and second data via combiner 9; third selecting means 153 and 154 for selecting among plural output devices (monitor 15 or printer 17).

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4.

Claims Objected

Claims 20, 22, 31, 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


5.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 571-272-7463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams, can be reached on 571-272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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